GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2399
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FOOD FOR WORK PROGRAMME
BIKASH CHOWDHURY;KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU;MINATI SEN;RAJESH VERMA;SRINIVASULU KALAVA;SUKENDER REDDY GUTHA;TARACHAND BHAGORA;UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU;UTTAMRAO NATHUJI DHIKALE

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains allocated/released by the Government under the Food for Work Programme so far, State-wise;

(b) the employment generated in each State so far ;

(c) whether the Government propose to extend the scheme to urban BPL families as the impact of drought is one and the same;

(d) whether the State Government have not lifted their quota of wheat and rice under the scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, State-wise;

(f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard ;

(g) whether the Government have received any requests from the State Governments for release of additional funds for drought hit areas under the scheme ;

(h) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and the reaction of the Government thereto ;

(i) whether the Government have received any reports regarding irregularities/misuse of funds under the Programme ;

(j) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon ;

(k) whether the Government propose to review the Programme;

(l) if so, the details thereof ; and

(m) if not, the reasons therefor ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a) to (f) : Statement showing State-wise quantum of foodgrains allocated/released, lifted and utilized alongwith mandays of employment generated under the Food for Work Programme is at Annexure. Release of foodgrains under the programme depends on demands from affected States/UTs. Within the released quantities, lifting and utilization of foodgrains is upto the respective States/UTs. There is no proposal to extend the Scheme to urban BPL families at present.

(g) to (j) : Under the Food for Work Programme the Central Governmentprovide only foodgrains, free of cost to the `calamity affected` areas of States/UTs. There is no provision for allocation of funds under the Scheme. As such, request for additional funds under the Scheme or misuse of funds provided under the scheme, does not arise.

(k) to (m) : The food for work programme will come to an end by 31st March, 2002.